



U.S. ARMY CONTRACTING AGENCY (ACA) NEWSLETTER “OUR TEAM IS GROWING”

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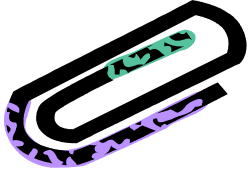
The Army Small Business Office is Committed to Supporting the Army Contracting Agency

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By centralizing control and budgeting of the Small Business personnel, the ACA Small Business Associate Director will be able to provide assistance to acquisition managers much earlier in the planning cycle. He will also be able to conduct a more effective outreach program, and target it toward goals and areas that are in the greatest need of improvement. In this way the ACA can more effectively implement its Small Business Plan, which focuses on outreach, acquisition planning, and bring together qualified small businesses with installations in need of their goods and services. This more robust involvement early in the planning phase will allow the ACA to identify and contract with highly qualified small businesses in order to perform the Army's requirements faster, and for reduced cost.

All of this will be accomplished without losing the local nature of the Small Business relationships developed over the years, and should result in a decrease of overhead burdens to Small Businesses by providing access to more opportunities than were previously available.

COL Gus Mancuso SADBUD



by Ron Howell, Chief, SRCC

On 1 October 2002 the Army Atlanta Contracting Center transitioned from a Field Support Activity of Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Command, to the Southern Region Contracting Center (SRCC) of the Army Contracting Agency (ACA).

The mission of the Army Contracting Agency (ACA), established as a Field Operating Activity reporting to the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics, and Technology), is to provide command and control to regional and installation contracting offices; the U.S. Army Information Technology, E-Commerce, and Commercial Contracting Center (ITEC4); and the contingency contracting function.

Headquarters, ACA Southern Region (ACA SR) is located at Fort McPherson, GA and is one of two contracting regions in the Continental United States. Headquarters, ACA SR is responsible for nineteen installation contracting offices and The Southern Region Contracting Center. The ACA SR has over 700 personnel and combined annual contract obligations of about \$2 billion.

The mission of the Southern Region Contracting Center (SRCC), also located at Fort McPherson, will be to consolidate similar and common use contracts to reduce duplication and leverage economies of scale and complete implementation of preaward regionalization of contracts over \$500,000 in the Southern Region. Over 300 contracts with potential for consolidation or regionalization, valued in excess of \$3 billion, have been identified in the Southern Region and are currently being analyzed. The SRCC will also provide centralized support for competitive sourcing (future A-76 and utilities privatization efforts) for the Southern Region. An increase in the staffing of the SRCC is expected to accompany this substantial increase in mission.

The SRCC will also continue to provide contracting in support of Headquarters, U.S. Army Forces Command and its subordinate Commands, and provide base operations contracting support to Fort McPherson, Fort Gillem, and certain tenants.

The Army Atlanta Contracting Center is proud of its history and reputation, both with its customers and within the Army. The SRCC intends to maintain its well-deserved reputation for customer focus by making this change transparent to its customers, whether at Fort McPherson or at any of the other 19 installations which it will serve. I have been privileged to serve as the Chief of the AACC since its inception in 1995. I look forward to assisting the new leadership of the SRCC in serving you.



Army Contracting Agency, Southern Region (ACA-SR) Headquarters

At 1000 hours on 30 Oct 2002, the Southern Region Headquarters of the Army Contracting Agency (ACA) held their activation ceremony at the Commons on Fort McPherson, Georgia.

Approximately 85 personnel were in attendance representing US Army Forces Command, the Installation Management Agency, the ACA-SR Directorates of Contracting and 3rd Army.

Participating in the ceremony were Mrs. Sandra O. Sieber, Director of the ACA; COL Charles J. Guta, Director of the ACA-SR and Mrs. Toni Gaines, Deputy Director of the ACA-SR. Present at the ceremony were MG Julian Burns, FORSCOM Deputy Commanding General (Acting) and Mrs. Vicky Jefferies, FORSCOM Deputy Chief of Staff G8.

The U.S. Army Contracting Agency, Southern Region, under the direction of COL Charles J. Guta, includes one Southern Region Contracting Center and 19 direct reporting Directorates of Contracting in a geographic footprint that extends south and westward across the United States from Fort Bragg to the Presidio of Monterey.

Following the ceremony a ribbon cutting ceremony dedicating the new ACA-SR headquarters building was conducted.

“HAIL & FAREWELLS”

Ms. Millward-Alston was selected as a Budget Analyst to provide budget execution consulting and financial programming for ACA. Ms. Millward-Alston was previously assigned to RDAISA as a Budget Analyst. ACA welcomes Ms. Millward-Alston to the Resource Management Team. For the short time she has been here, she has proven to be a great asset to ACA.

Mr. Donald Bobby left the Missile Defense Agency (MDA) and joined the Army Contracting Agency as the newest member of Janet Wolfinger's Program Assessment Team. Prior to joining MDA he had been a PCO for the Navy's F/A-18 engine and Tomahawk Missile programs. Mr. Bobby served at MDA from June 1996 as a member of the Deputy for Contracting Directorate for Policy, Plans and Programs. While a member of MDA's multi-disciplinary Program Support Team he worked closely with the

Army's PAC-3 and Theater High Altitude Area Defense programs. More recently he served as the PCO for MDA's Kinetic Energy Boost Phase and Targets and Countermeasures programs. Mr. Bobby's wife, Carol, is Executive Director for the Council for the Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs. Their eldest son, Alaric, is enrolled in the 13th year of German high school as a participant in a U.S. Congress - German Bundestag sponsored exchange program. Their youngest son, Colin, plays hockey and tennis for T.C. Williams High School in Alexandria.

William H. (Bill) Swan, Jr. is a Senior Procurement Analyst in the Contract Policy and Support Directorate at HQ ACA. He will be responsible for ACA-wide implementation of the Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system, Metrics and Performance Indicators, and Utility Privatization. Bill also serves as ACA Liaison to US Army Military District of Washington (MDW). He previously served as the MDW Deputy PARC and has extensive experience in installation level contracting.

Cheri E. Williams is the Administrative Assistant in the Contract Policy and Support Directorate and Business Systems at HQ ACA. She will be responsible for supporting both directorates. She previously served as Secretary for the PARC of MDW.

LTC Stephen McConnell, (Nickname LTC Mac) was assigned to the Army Contracting Agency, in the "Contingency Contracting Directorate" on 21 OCT 02. His previous assignment was in SAALT under the "Total Ownership Cost Reduction and Reserve Affairs" Directorate under DASA-PPR. In 1995, LTC McConnell moved from Orange County, CA in to his current home located in S. Prince George County, VA. He is a Husband and father of 2 (college students).



THANKSGIVING

Celebrate! Thanksgiving Day (*Fourth Thursday in November*)



Almost every culture in the world has held celebrations of thanks for a plentiful harvest. The American Thanksgiving holiday began as a feast of thanksgiving in the early days of the American colonies almost four hundred years ago.

In 1620, a boat filled with more than one hundred people sailed across the Atlantic Ocean to settle in the New World. This religious group had begun to question the beliefs of the Church of England and they wanted to separate from it. The Pilgrims settled in what is now the state of Massachusetts. Their first winter in the New World was difficult. They had arrived too late to grow many crops, and without fresh food, half the colony died from disease. The following spring the Iroquois Indians taught them how to grow corn (maize), a new food for the colonists. They showed them other crops to grow in the unfamiliar soil and how to hunt and fish.

In the autumn of 1621, bountiful crops of corn, barley, beans and pumpkins were harvested. The colonists had much to be thankful for, so a feast was planned. They invited the local Indian chief and 90 Indians. The Indians brought deer to roast with the turkeys and other wild game offered by the colonists. The colonists had learned how to cook cranberries and different kinds of corn and squash dishes from the Indians. To this first Thanksgiving, the Indians had even brought popcorn.

In following years, many of the original colonists celebrated the autumn harvest with a feast of thanks. After the United States became an independent country, Congress recommended one yearly day of thanksgiving for the whole nation to celebrate. George Washington suggested the date November 26 as Thanksgiving Day. Then in 1863, at the end of a long and bloody civil war, Abraham Lincoln asked all Americans to set aside the last Thursday in November as a day of thanksgiving

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A Word from the Editor

We would like to involve our readers in playing a more active role in guiding the publication. As always, we continue to invite our readers to provide their ideas, views, and opinions. If you have comments and/or suggestions for the newsletter on how we can continue to improve the publication, please don't hesitate to let me know. Email your comments to Shirlee.Knickerbocker@SAALT.army.mil or call me at DSN 761-9158.

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